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MONITORING PLAN FOR EVERGREEN MANOR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION PROPOSED; PUBLIC MEETING AUG. 19, 7 P.M.

CHICAGO (Aug. 6, 2003) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 has released its proposed plan for the remaining ground water contamination at the Evergreen Manor Superfund site in Roscoe, Ill.

An informal drop-in availability session and a public meeting will be held on Aug. 19. The availability session runs 2 to 4 p.m. at the Roscoe Branch Library, 5562 Clayton Circle. The public meeting, including a forum for oral and written comments, is at 7 p.m. at the Roscoe Township offices, 5792 Elevator Road. A 30-day public comment period ends Aug. 26.

EPA considered three cleanup plans, ultimately proposing that natural processes be allowed to continue cleaning the ground water of trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) in an area from Route 251 and Rockton Road about two miles southwest to the Rock River. The plan includes regularly scheduled ground water monitoring at 30 locations, local government controls restricting the installation of new wells in the contaminated area, and seasonal vapor

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monitoring at about 25 homes for up to two years. Projected cost: up to \$8.5 million. The cost may be lower if some of the preliminary monitoring work shows contamination levels continue to decrease – thus requiring less extensive sampling at fewer locations.

A fact sheet explaining the proposed plan is online at www.epa.gov/region5/sites/evergreen/ and will be available at the meeting. Comments will be accepted at the Aug. 19 meeting. They may also be sent to Janet Pope, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, Office of Public Affairs (P-19J), U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3590, or pope.janet@epa.gov. Contact Pope for special needs or accommodations at the public meeting.

Warner Electric update

At the Warner Electric site, about one-quarter mile southwest of Evergreen Manor, EPA recently approved Dana Corp.'s plan for indoor air sampling at six of 23 homes in the Hononegah Estates subdivision. The 23 homes lie on top of the most concentrated portion of the contaminated ground water. These residents will be contacted individually in August and asked to fill out a questionnaire. Six homes will be chosen based on the results of the questionnaire. The sampling is tentatively scheduled for September. Work at the Warner site is being paid for by Dana Corp., under the oversight of EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act program. EPA does not believe the Evergreen Manor and Warner Electric sites were contaminated by the same sources.

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